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Interview with Atticus Finch and kids

Derek McDonald

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After the incident, I was able to stop by the Finch’s house that night and ask Mr. Finch a few questions.

McDonald:”What was going through your mind during the entire time?”

Atticus:”Before Scout and the kids got there, I was a little worried that the mob would attempt to harm me and Tom, but I did have cover fire from Mr. Underwood the whole time. When Scout and the kids first charged towards me, I was shocked and a little upset they were showed up. I didn’t want them to be involved in anything that may have occurred that night. However, thanks to Scout’s innocence by talking to Mr. Cunningham, they saved me from harm.

McDonald:”Why didn’t you have a weapon with you? You have a great shot and could have defended yourself.”

Atticus: “Well Derek, I don’t believe in violence. I’m a peaceful person, and I want to keep that reputation. If I would have had a weapon on me, especially a gun, it may have caused the mob to resort to violence right away. Also, I had cover from Mr. Underwood.”

Then I asked Jeremy Finch, better known as Jem, who was at the scene what he was thinking when he saw Atticus against the group of men.

Jem: I wanted to see what was happening when I saw the four cars go by. I didn’t want to get directly involved, but Scout ran to Atticus. I had no choice but to follow her. I knew something wasn’t right due to Atticus’s face and what he was saying. That’s why I didn’t listen to him when he told me to go home.C:\Users\Richie\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\XGLBI29D\MCj02875000000[1].wmf

Mob held off by

Innocent Children

Chad Himmler

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Last night in front of the county jail, lawyer, “Ol’ One shot” Finch, stood up against a lynch mob. This mob was filled with intoxicated men who wanted to get a hold of the prisoner, Tom Robinson. Robinson is on trial for being accused of raping Mayella Ewell. Atticus Finch is the defense attorney in this trial. The drunken mob had a threatening appearance. Atticus and Tom were saved by three children who ran in between the mob and Finch. The first child was Jean Louise Finch, better known as “Scout”, who charged in. She greeted her father and recognized Walter Cunningham. Scout’s innocence made the mob leave the scene.

How does this impact the case? It definitely makes the case more dramatic for everyone. Also, it becomes more dangerous for the Finch Family and Tom Robinson’s family. Another group of men may try to hurt them in the future. It may even add more tension between the blacks and the whites.

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